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## ***Neewollah History***

The Neewollah festival began in 1919 in an effort to provide positive activities for kids of all ages in place of typical Halloween pranks. Initially the event centered around parades, morning, afternoon and night on October 31. The parades were made up primarily of decorated cars and carriages. Queens and princesses from area festivals rode in the parades, along with our own Queen Neelah who was selected based on votes bought at a penny each. The Great Depression and World War II interrupted the Neewollah celebration from 1931 to 1947. Local businessmen Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb and Don Dancer revived and elaborated on the Neewollah theme bringing it back as a three day festival in 1948. In the ensuing years, a queen's pageant, several presentations of a Broadway play, a carnival and street acts were added to the Kiddie Parade and Grand Parade. Today Neewollah is the oldest and largest annual festival in Kansas. Independence blossoms from 9,000-10,000 inhabitants to up to 80,000 in the final days of the now 10 day festival.

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## *Welcome to Neewollah 2003 In the Spirit of Fun for Everyone!*



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Once again, Neewollah is upon us. As your Generalissimo and on behalf of the entire board of directors, I would like to welcome you to this year's festival. Our whole purpose in putting on this long-standing event is to bring together community, family and friends for a variety of fun-filled activities. So let the fun begin.

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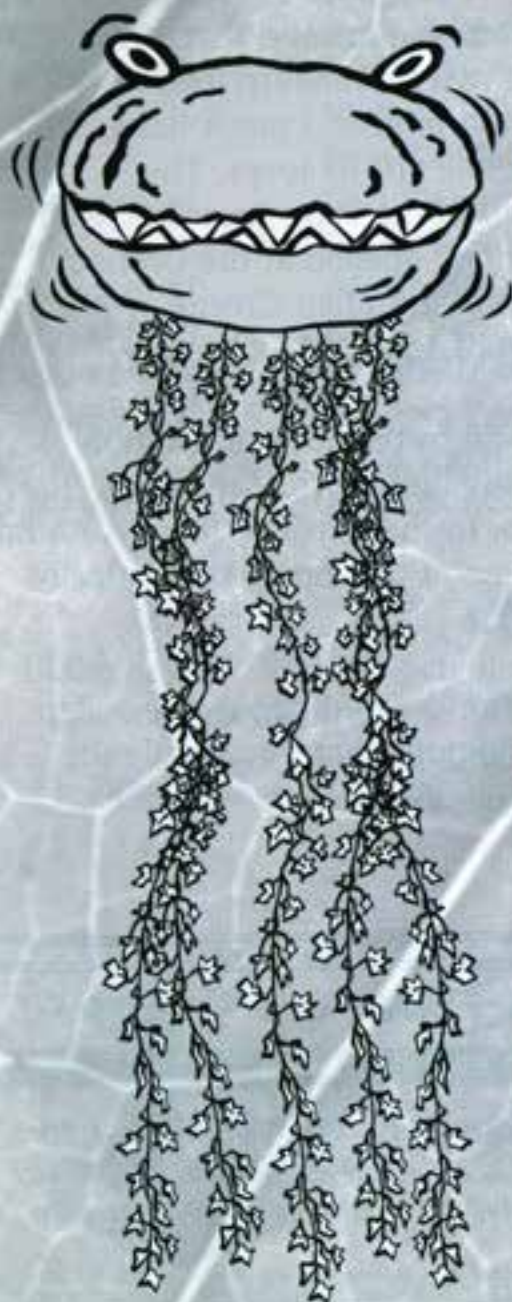
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## Little Shop of Horrors Synopsis

*Little Shop of Horrors* is based upon a Grade B horror movie released in 1963 produced and directed by legendary B movie director Roger Corman for American International pictures. The original 1960s movie told the story of a plant from outer space that eventually took over the world. Of note to movie trivia buffs is the fact that the patient in the dentist's chair was played by a very young actor named Jack Nicholson. In 1982 the movie was adapted for the Broadway stage by the team of Howard Ashman and Alan Menken. Ashman and Menken would later be known for their collaborative efforts on Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, and *The Little Mermaid*.

The Broadway musical adaptation changed the original movie in several respects. The origin of the plant is unknown and the plant is given a real personality. The story relates the trials and tribulations of Seymour Krelbourn, a mild and meek florist who makes a Faustian pact with a tiny plant in order to win the girl he loves. The mysterious plant needs blood to survive; and by the end of the show, practically all the characters have been comically devoured. "Little Shop" opened at the Orpheum Theatre on July 27, 1982, with Lee Wilk playing Seymour and Ellen Greene as Audrey. The offbeat musical won over critics and enjoyed a run of 2,209 performances.

Most Independence audiences will best relate the musical to the 1987 adaptation of the musical with Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene, John Candy and Steve Martin. The 1987 movie is different from the musical in a couple of ways. In the musical, there is no Bill Murray character sitting in the dentist's chair. The ending of the movie is drastically different than the ending of the play.

"Little Shop" is funny, crazy and marks a departure from the traditional Neewollah offerings. It is still tastefully done and continues the traditions that have made the Neewollah hometown musical a fixture of affection among Neewollah audiences.

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# Cast of Characters



## Starring...

<i>Seymour</i> . . . . .	Richard Browning	<i>Chiffon</i> . . . . .	Debra Malmos
<i>Audrey</i> . . . . .	Lisa Mitchell	<i>Crystal</i> . . . . .	Marcy Mitchell
<i>Orin</i> . . . . .	Bruce Peterson	<i>Ronnette</i> . . . . .	Tara Olson
<i>Mushnik</i> . . . . .	Gary Mitchell	<i>Audrey II</i> . . . . .	Sam Collins

## Featuring...

<i>Skip Snip</i> . . . . .	Larry Annable	<i>Trashman</i> . . . . .	Doug Comstock
<i>Mrs. Luce</i> . . . . .	Julie Dumler	<i>Mr. Bernstein</i> . . . . .	Dean Tauber
<i>Patrick Martin</i> . . . . .	Jeff Shaw	<i>Dentist Patient</i> . . . . .	Victor Romero
<i>Street Cleaner</i> . . . . .	Norval Gruver	<i>Business Women</i> . . . . .	Pam Passauer
<i>Business Women</i> . . . . .	Leslie Coder	<i>Business Women</i> . . . . .	Marie Frazee
<i>Mother #1</i> . . . . .	Melissa Riecker	<i>Mother #2</i> . . . . .	Stacy Near
<i>Jogger</i> . . . . .	Pam Sanders	<i>Jogger</i> . . . . .	Carmen Duroni
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<i>Renovator #1</i> . . . . .	Alexis Walter	<i>Renovator #2</i> . . . . .	Laura Michael
<i>Renovator #3</i> . . . . .	Kayla Fuller	<i>Customer #1</i> . . . . .	Michael Tuszynski
<i>Customer #2</i> . . . . .	Elizabeth Mayhood	<i>Customer #3</i> . . . . .	Erin Dickens
<i>Customer #4</i> . . . . .	Venessa Freeman	<i>Interviewer</i> . . . . .	Terri Barbera
<i>Mother</i> . . . . .	Celia Harris	<i>Wino</i> . . . . .	Chris DeLaCruz
<i>Mailman</i> . . . . .	Andy Schelin	<i>A Voice Unlike God's</i> . . . . .	Steve Wilkin

## Children's Chorus

Blake Bryant, Jennifer Schadeberg, Aubrey Near, James Hart, Andrew Tuszynski, Chance Froebe, Shyanne Wisely, Sarah Purdunn, Jake Jabben, Gavin Webster, Jessie Wilson, Layne Wilson, Lindsay Schaub, Kayla Steinle, Kelsey Stelling, Brandon Golden

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## Act I

Overture	Orchestra
Prologue (Little Shop of Horrors)	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette
Skid Row (Downtown)	Company
Da - Doo	Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette
Grow for Me	Seymour
Don't It Go to Show Ya Never Know	Mushnik, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette, Seymour
Somewhere That's Green	Audrey
Closed for Renovations	Seymour, Audrey, Mushnik
Dentist!	Orin, Chiffon, Crystal, Ronnette
Mushnik and Son	Mushnik and Seymour
Feed Me (Git It)	Seymour and Audrey II
Now (It's Just the Gas)	Seymour and Orin

## Intermission

## Act II

Call Back in the Morning	Seymour and Audrey
Suddenly, Seymour	Seymour and Audrey
Suppertime	Audrey II
The Meek Shall Inherit	Company
Finale (Don't Feed the Plants)	Company



## Starring...

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### Richard Browning as Seymour

Richard Browning will star as Seymour; the insecure, naïve, put upon, florist clerk hero. Rich, a life long resident of Independence, has appeared in the following Neewollah musicals: *Cinderella*, *Hello Dolly*, *Annie*, and *Brigadoon*. He has appeared in several Independence Community College productions including, *Little Mary Sunshine*, *Our Town* and *Sound of Music*. This summer he appeared in *Follies* a Coffeyville Community Theatre production. Browning is the pastor of Frontline Baptist Church and is a Programmer for Four County Mental Health Center. He and his wife, Robin, are the parents of two daughters, Ramie and Reanna.

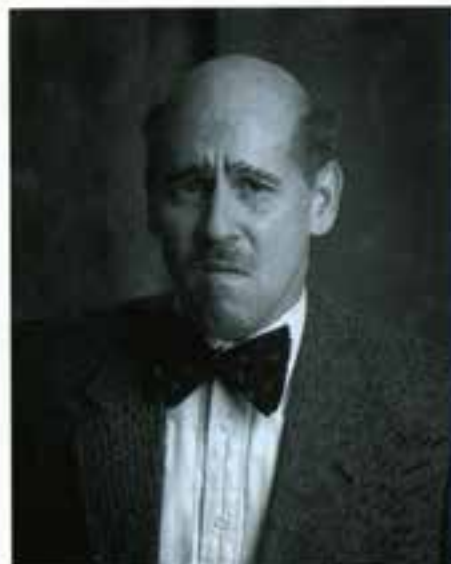
### Lisa Mitchell as Audrey

Lisa Mitchell will bring her extensive theatre experiences to the lead roll of Audrey, the sweet, vulnerable, secret love of Seymour's life. Her Neewollah musical roles include *Oliver!*, *Pajama Game*, *Cinderella* and *Into the Woods* for Shawnee Mission Theatre in the Park. *Annie* at Emporia State University and *Fantastiks* for Emporia Community Theatre. She directed *The King and I*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Annie* and *Brigadoon*. Lisa has also directed, choreographed and performed in productions at ICC, and with the William Inge Festival. She recently appeared in the ICC production of *Sound of Music* and *Follies*, a Coffeyville Community Theatre production. She has served on many Queens' committees in the past and will be Talent co-chair for this year's Queen's coronation. Lisa is a kindergarten teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, served as chairperson of the Memorial Hall Task Force and is a member of the William Inge Theatre Festival Steering Committee.



### Gary Mitchell as Mushnik

Gary Mitchell will once again entertain the Neewollah audiences with his role as Mushnik, the boss of the failing florist shop. Gary's Neewollah roots go back over twenty years when he first started out as a member of the chorus and worked his way up into starring roles. He preformed in *Camelot*, *No, No, Nanette*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, *My Fair Lady*, *Camelot*, *Gypsy*, *Oliver!*, *Damn Yankees*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Horace Vandergelder* in *Hello Dolly*, and a number of other Neewollah musicals. He was in the first Peace Corp program to Fiji in 1968 and was a founding member of Creede, Colorado, Repertory Theatre where he acted for four summers. Now retired from ICC after 31 years of teaching English and theatre courses, he is active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints as organist and adult Sunday-school teacher.





## Starring...



### **Bruce Peterson as Orin**

Bruce Peterson will be playing the role of Orin the dentist, a tall dark handsome dentist with a black leather jacket, sadistic tendencies and a really wild disposition. This is the first Neewollah production for Bruce, but he has performed in community theatre productions in other states, including productions such as *Dames at Sea*, *Mid Summers Night Dream*, *Damn Yankees*, *Inspecto General*, and *Fantastiks* for the California Community Theatre. Peterson is an associate for the William Inge Theatre Festival at ICC.

### **Sam Collins as Audrey II**

Sam Collins will play the voice of the Plant, Audrey II, an anthropomorphic cross between a Venus fly trap and an avocado. Sam, a Wichita native, graduated from ICC and received a BA degree in History with a minor in Music from the University of Hawaii. Sam has participated in several musicals including *Brigadoon*, *All That Jazz*, *Aida*, *Old Maid* and *The Thief*. Sam is a member of the Berean Christian Mission Center Church where he is a member of the choir. He is employed at AutoZone.



### **Debra Malmos as Chiffon**

Debra will be playing the part of Chiffon, one of the three Doo Wop Girls. She moved to Independence in 2002 from Seattle, Washington. She has been involved in numerous professional repertory theatre, community and college theatre productions including *Oklahoma*, *Lysistrata*, *Gypsy*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Inherit the Wind*, *The Drunkard* and *Brigadoon*. She is an Accredited Payment Professional and founded iFULL Enterprises. She graduated from the Payment Institute in Boulder, Colorado, and is a single mom of two grown children, Trevor and McKenzie. Debra is a member of the First United Methodist Church.



## Starring...

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### **Marcy Mitchell as Crystal**

Marcy Mitchell of Liberty, another Doo Wop girl, had her Neewollah debut in *Cinderella* as the Queen. She also was in *Joseph's Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Into the Woods*, at Coffeyville Community College. She attended CCC and graduated from Emporia State University. While at CCC she was member of Raven Soundations Jazz Choir. She is currently teaching 7th and 8th grade at Zion Lutheran Elementary School.

### **Tara Olson as Ronnette**

Tara Olson of Fredonia will be playing the third Doo Wop girl, Ronnette. She was Queen Neelah in 2001. Tara performed in the ICC productions of *Sound of Music*, *24 Hour Plays* and *Over the River and Through the Woods*. She also performed in several musicals at Fredonia High School. Tara is a sophomore at Independence Community College where she is a member of the Trends singing group. She currently holds the title of Miss Southeast Kansas USA and will compete for Miss Kansas USA in November.



**Doo Wop Girls**  
Debra Malmos,  
Tara Olson &  
Marcy Mitchell



## Featuring...

### **Salesmen**

Dean Tauber/Mr. Bernstein, Jeff Shaw/Patrick Martin,  
Larry Annable/Skip Snip  
Not Pictured: Julie Dulmer/Mrs. Luce



### **Mothers, Customers & Business Women**

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### ***Renovators & Patient***

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### ***Children's Chorus***

Front Row: Chance Froebe, Shyanne  
Wisely, Sarah Purdunn

Back Row: Dana Froebe/Children's  
Coordinator, James Hart, Aubrey Near,  
Jennifer Schadeberg, Andrew Tuszynski,  
Blake Bryant



### ***Children's Chorus***

Front Row: Layne Wislon, Gavin Webster,  
Jessie Wilson

Back Row: Sarah Coder/Children's  
Coordinator, Brandon Golden, Kayla  
Steinle, Lindsay Schaub, Jake Jabben  
Not Pictured: Kelsey Stelting





## Production Staff



### Director Mark Frank

Mark Frank is in his 9th year as theater/technical director for Coffeyville Community College and has one of the largest community college theater programs in the state. He has directed and acted in over 60 professional and community productions. Among his favorites are *Grease*, *Into the Woods*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Agamemnon*, *Marvin's Room*, *Sylvia*, *Pippin* and *Charley's Aunt*. During the summer, Frank is the artistic director of Kid's Academy and Children's Summer Theater. He shares the artistic direction of the Rubber Chicken Factory Improvisational Comedy Troupe with his wife Bethanie. He was named CCC Professor of the Year in 2000 and was also honored as the Coffeyville Chamber of Commerce Post-Secondary Educator in 2000. In 2001, he won the National Academic Advising Association Outstanding Advisor Award. He is a published playwright having published *A Collection of Plays by Mark Frank*. Mark has a master in fine arts degree from Western Illinois University. He lives in Coffeyville with his wife Bethanie.

### Producer Steve Wilkin

Steve Wilkin has Neewollah roots that run deep. He worked behind the stage at many of the early musical offerings in the 1960s and was a stage escort for the 1965 Neewollah Queen's Pageant, the first year that escorts were included in the program. Since returning to Independence in 1975, he has served on a variety of Neewollah committees. He has been publicity chairman several times, including this past year. He produced *Mame* in 1986 and *The King and I* in 1996. He co-produced *Oliver!* in 1990. In addition he has been Special Events Chairman, Carnival Chairman and a Neewollah Board Member from 1987 to 1998. He served two terms as the Chairman of the Neewollah Board in 1997 and 1998 and was Generalissimo of the celebration in 1993. Wilkin appeared on the Neewollah stage in *Annie*, *My Fair Lady*, *Mame*, *Gypsy*, and *Guys and Dolls*. He is Past President of the Kansas Land Title Association, a member of the Kansas Bar Association and Washburn Law School Alumni Association. He is a sustaining member and past president of the Independence Rotary Club. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church. Wilkin is married to JoAnne and they are the parents of three children and have one grandchild.



### Producer Vanessa Dennis

Vanessa Dennis is currently serving on the Neewollah Board of Directors and has served as Chairman of the Board and Secretary, she was Generalissimo for the year 2000. She has participated in Neewollah musicals portraying Vera in *Mame*, Rosie in *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, Gladys in *The Pajama Game*, Mrs. Darling in *Peter Pan*, Lola in *Damn Yankees*, and Mazeppa in *Gypsy*. Vanessa has also appeared in other productions as a dancer and member of the chorus. She co-produced *The Wizard of Oz* and *Annie*. Vanessa has also participated in Neewollah by serving on the Props Committee for the Neewollah musicals. She twice served in the capacity of Co-Director of the Queen's Coronation, served as Candidates Chairman and organized the Staging of the Queen's Coronation on two occasions. She acted as Neelah Deb Co-chairman for two years. Dennis has done the Publicity and acted as Vendor Chairman for Neewollah Celebrations. She has been active in the William Inge Festival by serving on the Moonglow committee and the Gala Dinner. She appeared in the Inge productions of *Dark at the Top of the Stairs*, and *Plaza Suite*. Vanessa is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of Chapter DA, PEO and a member of Mercy Hospital Foundation Board. She and her husband Bo are parents of two children.



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Jackie Chapman, Brenda Warner, Cyndy Sherwood/Chairman, Jeannie Merritt  
Not Pictured: Gayle Holum



### **Stage Crew**

Front Row: Steve DeFever/Co-Chairman, Grant Sherwood/Co-Chairman, Jim Clubine, Steve Chapman  
Back Row: Sean Clapp, Harry Bass, Bo Dennis  
Not Pictured: Drew Demo, Sorrells DeWoody



## Supporting Staff



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### *Neewollah Logo Winner*

#### *Jacqueline Haltom*

Jacqueline Haltom was named winner of the 2003 Neewollah Logo contest. Jacqueline is a 2002 graduate of Emporia State University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in fine arts with an emphasis in painting. She entered the logo contest once before while a student at Iola High School.

Haltom is self-employed and owns and operates Jacqueline's Arts and Custom Framing. Haltom lives in Independence with her husband, Hans, and two daughters, Alivia and Amalia.



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The 2003 Medallion Hunt "jump starts" the Neewollah celebration on Wednesday, October 15. A medallion is hidden somewhere within the city limits of Independence on public property and clues are issued each day regarding the location of the medallion. The prize offered this year to the finder of the medallion wearing a 2003 Neewollah button is \$500. If the winner is not wearing this year's button, the prize is reduced to \$250. Daily clues will be released at 3:00 p.m. each day at Neewollah Headquarters, located at 117 West Main; Jump Start; Bank of America; Commerce Bank; First Federal Savings & Loan Association; First National Bank; and the Neewollah website, [www.neewollah.com](http://www.neewollah.com). Clues are also published daily in The Independence Daily Reporter.

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The 5K Run course is a certified 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) that begins at the Riverside Park Oval and continues down Fifth Street along the cemetery to Morningside Drive where it turns around and returns for the finish at the Oval.

The 1 Mile Fun Run tours Riverside Park, continues through a neighborhood just south of the park and returns to the park for its finish.

Awards for Team Competition as well as Individual Competition will be presented after the completion of the 5K Run.

## Neewollah Fun Ride

### Neewollah Fun Ride

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**Saturday, October 18, 2003**

**4-H Building at Riverside Park**

**Registration 8 a.m. • Ride Begins at 9 a.m.**

For the third year, the Neewollah Fun Ride will be held in conjunction with Cycle Bobs Bicycle Club. This years ride will take riders through scenic southeast Kansas. Each of the rides will begin at historic Riverside Park at the 4-H building across from the stadium. Riders will choose from a 45-mile loop, a 22-mile loop or a combination of the two. Rest stops will be situated every 10 miles with water, fruit, cookies and other snacks available. SAG vehicles will run the route and provide needed assistance.



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**Back Row:** Bev Chubb, Sandy Annable, Susan Kern, Julie Thompson

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***Queen Neelah LXI***  
**Ramie Browning**





# Queen Neelah LXI and Her Court

Front Row: Miss Fashion- Chimene Agossou; Miss Congeniality- Thelma Reeves; Miss Poise- Ashley Goad; Miss Photogenic- Megan Brooks; Miss Talent- Laura Rau; Miss Personality- Niki Roberts; Miss Originality- Nicole Stewart; Miss Interview- Bethanie White; Miss Beauty- Anna Barbi  
Back Row: Second Runner up- Jennifer Lawrence; Queen Neelah the 61st Ramie Browning; First Runner up- Kara Thompson



## Judging Queen Neelah LXII

Queen Neelah candidates are evaluated by a panel of judges over a period of three days. As a means of introduction, each candidate presents an individual biography which gives personal background, interests, and her reason for entering the pageant. Miss Originality is chosen in part from the most original and imaginative biography. Candidates are also required to submit a portrait from which Miss Photogenic is selected.

The first opportunity for the judges to meet the candidates is the Queen's Tea held Sunday, October 19. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 20. That same evening, each candidate presents a three-minute talent presentation. Miss Talent is chosen from the most polished and entertaining of the talent numbers. On Tuesday, October 21, a brunch is held where the candidates have a final opportunity to meet with the judges in an informal setting prior to the coronation.

Over the course of time spent with the candidates, the judges also evaluate each young woman's poise, personality, personal fashion sense, and beauty. The candidates themselves select Miss Congeniality.

### Point System for Judging Queen Neelah LXII

Poise .....	20
Interview .....	20
Talent .....	20
Personality .....	15
Originality .....	10
Beauty .....	5
Fashion .....	5
Judge's Evaluation .....	5
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## Coronation Program

Opening Presentation of Queen Candidates

Candidates 1 - 10 Presented

Selected Talent Presentations

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates 11 - 20 Presented

Selected Talent Presentations

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidates 21 - 31 Presented

*Intermission*

Neelah Deb Dance

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXI, Ranne Browning

Announcement of Category Winners

- Miss Originality \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Interview \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Congeniality \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Photogenic \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Fashion \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Beauty \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Personality \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Poise \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Talent \_\_\_\_\_

Announcement of Finalists

2nd Runner-up \_\_\_\_\_

1st Runner-up \_\_\_\_\_

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# Queen Neelah LXII Candidates



**Ashley Anderson**  
The Medicine Shoppe  
*Skit*



**Emily Bannwarth**  
Young's True Value  
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*Piano Solo*



**Tiffany Barker**  
Twigs Floral  
*Piano Solo*



**Abigail Anna Belcher**  
Classy Clippers  
*Vocal Solo*



**Jessica Boyle**  
Bette & Phil's Hallmark  
*Singing/Dancing*



**Chelsea Chaney**  
Midwest Real Estate  
*Ballet*



**Abby Christensen**  
Uncle Jack's Restaurant  
*Vocal Solo*



**Jessica Dillon**  
Mercy Health for Life  
*Lyrical Ballet*



**Megan Nicole Dodson**  
Sayers Ace Hardware  
*Vocal Solo*

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**Megan Fowler**  
Bill White Real Estate  
*Jazz Dance*



# Queen Neelah LXII Candidates



**Kelley Radin Gorman**  
Calvert's  
*Violin Solo*



**Heather Michelle Greer**  
Mary's Cleaning Service  
*Skit*



**Audrey Gross**  
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*Interpretive Dance*



**Emily Lybarger**  
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*Humorous Skit*



**Casey Martin**  
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*Humorous Skit*

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**Melissa McDaniel**  
The Cut Above -  
Angela Bateson  
*Piano Solo*



# Queen Neelah LXII Candidates



**Carrie Meadows**  
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*Comedy Skit*



**Allison Jean Merritt**  
Quality Toyota  
*Humorous Skit*



**Mallory Myers**  
Remediation Service, Inc.  
*Monologue*



**Shelby Neill**  
Fredonia Regional Hospital  
*Multi-Cultural Dance*



**Jessie Ottley**  
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*Musical Skit*



**Brooke Rothgeb**  
DJ's Photography & Frame  
*Flute Solo*



**Megan Royse**  
Scovel, Emert,  
Heasty & Chubb  
*Lyrical Ballet*



**Laura Jo Sanders**  
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**Jammi Stair**  
Walt's Landscaping  
*Humorous Skit*



**Casey Young**  
L & L Home Improvement  
*Vocal Solo*





## Coronation Entertainers



### *Neelah Debs*

Front Row: Maggie Schabel, Emily Speicher, Nicole Rothgeb

Middle Row: Morgan Rinck, Jordan Conley, Caitlin Kelly, Chelsea Laswell, Lisa Erbe

Back Row: Maggie Gorman, Chelsi Taylor, Sarah Coder, Megan Bagley, Beth Kelley, Kelsey Smading

### *Coronation Musician* John Hamlin



### *Stage Escorts*

Front Row: Cody Beyer, Travis Barnhart, Alex Bruening, Matt Ysusi, Andy Greenhaw, Andrew Demo

Back Row: Kyndon Oakes, Bryan Mayes, Jesse Overfield, Doug Buckles, Scott Hogan, Matt Kadel, Cole Uttinger

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# Coronation Officials



## Talent Emcee Kathy Newkirk

It seems logical that the former "queen" of the DooDah parade, which proudly displays adult talents and costumes, would also reign as the emcee for the Queens' talent night for Neewollah 2003. Kathy Newkirk, an Independence native, will share her Neewollah enthusiasm as the host of the Queen Neelah Talent Review.

Kathy has worked for Mercy Hospital since 1995 and is currently the Director of Education. She has always been a very active volunteer in the community and her special talents have touched many organizations.

Kathy received the Soroptimist International Woman of Distinction Award in 1998 and was Independence High School Soroptimist & Rotary Academic Banquet Key Note Speaker in 2000. Kathy also serves on the Independence USD 446 Board of Education.

Kathy has been married for 28 years to Ron Newkirk. Ron and Kathy are parents of two grown children, Jeddiah Newkirk of Stillwater, OK and Jalayna Hurley of Ness City, KS, and one granddaughter, Jaylah Hurley, also of Ness City, KS.

Kathy says, "Neewollah is the highlight of my year?"

## Coronation Emcee John Surber

John Surber is returning to Independence to serve as master of ceremonies for the Queen Neelah LXII Coronation. This will be Surber's tenth year to provide his talent as emcee for the coronation program. John has also served as past emcee for the Queen's Talent Review and the Miss Southeast Kansas Pageant. As an accomplished singer and actor, Surber has also appeared in numerous Neewollah musicals.

An Independence native, John and his family now reside in Belleville, Kansas where he is the owner/operator of Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home. John had previously been associated with Potts Chapel. He and his wife, Dawn, have two children, Cody, who attends Washburn University, and six year old Jay.



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## Coronation Officials

### *Queen's Coronation Judges*

The three judges for this year's Queen Neelah Pageant are Lisa Conner, Jackie Dunigan and Clovis Young. Involvement in the Miss Kansas pageant for a number of years makes them each well suited to serve as judges for this year's event.

Mrs. Conner is presently a board member for the Miss Kansas Organization where she serves as secretary. In addition she is the local pageant Judges Chairperson and the State Traveling Companion for Miss Kansas. Over the past 19 years, Conner has been a chairman or on a variety of committees associated with the Miss Kansas Pageant. She has judged many local pageants across the state of Kansas.

Jackie Dunigan presently resides in Pratt, where she has served on the Volunteer Board of the Miss Kansas Pageant for the past 2 years. Jackie's experience with directing and judging numerous queens pageants throughout North Louisiana bring to the Neewollah pageant a new perspective.

Clovis Young has worked in a variety of capacities with the Miss Kansas Organization over the past years. Mrs. Young was selected "Volunteer of the Year" by the Miss Kansas board for her tireless work on this event.

## Queen's Committees



### *Queen's Coordinators*

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## Queen's Committees



### ***Neelah Debs***

Lori Kelley & Marsha  
Pasternak/Neelah Debs Co-chairmen,  
Rene' Hines/Choreographer



### ***Judges Committee***

Jeannette Luthi & Carol Stevens  
Not Pictured: Jennifer Wilkins



### ***Stage Escorts***

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### ***Coronation Dance***

April Nutt & Gina Botts Co-Chairmen,  
Gina Botts, Sonie Trusdale  
Not Pictured: Kelli St. Clair

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Not Pictured: Whitney Callan/Queen's Scrapbook



### ***Interview/Runway/Fashion Show/ Fact Sheet Workshop***

Laura McClure, Kelli Cox, Lisa Wilson, Romy Romans, Jodi Mason

Not Pictured: Jody Kawulok



### ***Pop Party***

Bev Chubb, Annette McMillin/Co-Chairmen, Sharon Boyer, Waneta Cox

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# Queen's Committees



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**Front Row:** Kathy Cole, Kathy Raub, Charlotte Muse, Amy Reichenberger, Cindy Stephenson, Sue Prince

**Back Row:** Mary Vining, Ellie Clup, Linda Hernandez, Yona Julian, Mary Hugo/Chairman

**Not Pictured:** Joyce Cranor

## Queen's Talent

**Front Row:** Lisa Mitchell and Kathy Clapp/Co-Chairmen, Charlene Smith, Michelle White, Lois Lessman, Lisa Hugo, Jennifer Springer

**Back Row:** Dana Froebe, Tara Olson, Stacy Near, Shelley Brooks, Debbie Tincher

**Not Pictured:** Kelli Eidson, Anne Rasnick, Lorraine Emmott



## Queen's Tea

**Melissa Small & Terry Hogan/Co-Chairmen,** Valerie Smith, Amber Gregory, Sandy Nelson

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## Queen's Committees



### *Coronation*

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**Back Row:** Colleen Confer/Co-Chairman, Terry Emert, Byrle Gross, Bob Losher, Keith Confer, Phillip Ysusi, Ron Lawrence



### *Pre-Parade Breakfast*

**Tim & Michelle Babcock/Co-Chairmen,**  
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### *Queen's Brunch*

**Front Row:** Sabrina Overfield and Chris Mangan/Co-Chairmen, Genny Heisler, Sue Clark

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Engraved Picture Frame	Real Estate Center
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Mini Refridgerator	Funk Manufacturing Independence Nursery & Garden Center State Farm Insurance
Cordless Telephone	R & S Studios Jim Selby's Tire & Auto
Hair Product Gift Set	The Cut Above
Engraved Picture Frame	Lee's Cooling & Heating
Graduation Cake	Laurel Street Bakery
One Dozen Cookies	Cake Creations
2 Independence Cinemas Movie Passes	Independence Animal Hospital

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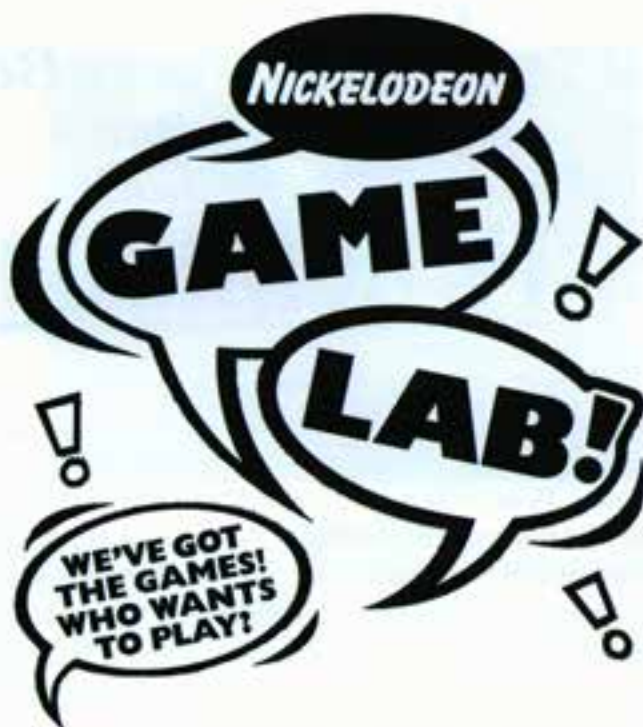
Nickelodeon, the only network just for kids, has teamed up with Neewollah and Woods Lumber Company to give area kids a chance to participate in outrageous games from their favorite Nickelodeon shows as Nickelodeon's Game Lab comes to town on Friday, October 24. The 45-minute shows will take place at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Independence Memorial Hall.

Game Lab features the one of a kind crazy physical stunts and challenges made famous on Nickelodeon shows such as "What Would You Do?" and "Family Double Dare." Throughout the course of the shows, both kids and adults will be chosen directly from the audience to participate on stage in hands-on Nickelodeon-style games including Rug Rats Romp, Big Help Trash-it and Binyah Binyah Ring-YA.

The Game Lab show culminates as a lucky kid, chosen from the audience, receives Nickelodeon's highest honor: a chance to be slimed!

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Ty Herndon, a country singer of the mid-'90s who fuses neo-traditionalist country with a slick, rock-oriented sense of style and production, will be performing Saturday, October 25 at 8:00 p.m. on the Memorial Hall Stage. Like many of his contemporaries, his blend of genres proved commercially successful as his first album became one of the biggest hits of 1995. Herndon was a little wilder, at least off the stage, than many of his peers, but his records had a down-to-earth sense of sentimentality that initially gave him a broad fan base.



Born and raised in Butler, Alabama, Ty Herndon became involved in music as he was growing up. He sang gospel music and learned how to play piano. After he graduated from high school, he moved to Nashville. Initially, he had a difficult time gaining a foothold in the music industry, spending 10 years without making any real headway. Ty left the Music City and headed to Texas where he began slogging it out in local honky tonks, developing a dedicated following of fans. In 1993 he won the Texas Entertainer of the Year. Later that year, he signed to Epic Records.

Ty Herndon's first single "What Mattered Most" hit number one in the spring of 1995. An album of the same name was released that April and it became a Top 10 country hit. The second single, "I Want My Goodbye Back," became a number seven hit. The third single, "Heart Half Empty" was a hit and Herndon's second album, *Living In A Moment*, debuted at number six upon its summer 1996 release. In 1999 Herndon resurfaced with *Steam* and in 2002 the album *This Is Ty Herndon* was released.



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# Street Acts 2003



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- 6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship  
8:00 p.m. In The Garden

## October 23, Thursday

- 6:00 p.m. ICC Blue Notes  
7:00 p.m. Hometown Talent Show  
9:00 p.m. Corners of Belevue

## October 24, Friday

- 5:00 p.m. ICC Trends  
6:00 p.m. Still Reign 'n  
8:00 p.m. Long Shot  
10:00 p.m. Nucleus

## October 25, Saturday

- 2:00 p.m. Salty Dog  
4:00 p.m. Mexican Dance Group  
5:00 p.m. Roxi Watson  
6:00 p.m. Verdigris  
8:00 p.m. Tusk

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Neewollah 2003 brings back the tour of the historical residential district for a second year. This buggy ride includes a narration of the history of the turn of the century homes as well as recounting their place in the history of the city of Independence. The tour will start on the east side of the tennis club house at Riverside Park. The tour will focus on WPA Projects and homes on North 2nd and Park Blvd.

## The Great Pumpkin Contest

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The Great Pumpkin Contest is one of the highlights of the downtown activities on Wednesday evening, October 22. Any child preschool age through fifth grade may submit an entry. The entries are judged in different age groups, with prizes being awarded to each group. The judging of the decorated pumpkins is based upon creativity and imagination, so each child is urged to create a unique and novel jack-o-lantern.



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# Doo Dah Parade



**King and Queen Doo Dah**  
Gary and Leseley Simpson



**Doo Dah Parade**  
Keith & Becky Lanning/Co-Chairmen; Gary & Sabrina Overfield

**Thursday, October 23, 6:00 p.m.**

Be adventurous, be daring! The 2003 Neewollah Doo Dah Parade will be a "Parade of Adventure." Only those with wild imaginations will dare to walk down the street on Thursday, October 23, at 6:00 p.m.

The Doo Dah King and Queen this year are Gary and Leseley Simpson. Leseley is retired after teaching at the elementary level for 20 years. She has held lead roles in the Neewollah Musicals *Pajama Game*, *No, No, Nanette*, and *Bye, Bye, Birdie* and has been involved in the chorus for many other musicals. Leseley was chairman of the Queen's Publicity Committee, Queen's Tea Committee and the Queen's Coronation Committee in past years. Leseley is a member of the First United Methodist Church choir, PEO chapter EF, and is an ambassador for the Chamber of Commerce. She volunteers at the Public Library reading to children.

Gary is retired from the California Division of Forestry and also retired from Young's Hardware. Gary & Leseley have both chaired the Queen's Judges Committee and Gary has served on the Neewollah Grand Parade and Kiddie Parade Committees. Gary is also on the Friends of the Library Board.

Don't be shy! Dress like you've never dressed before. Be daring and have some fun. It's a Neewollah celebration!

## Kiddie Parade

**Friday, October 24, 4:00 p.m.**

The Neewollah Kiddie Parade is one of the most endearing and enduring parts of our annual festival. Over 900 children, area school bands and numerous "kiddie floats" participate in this parade. The staff from U.S.D. 446 donates time and energy to make it all happen.

### Kiddie Parade

Brad Carroll; Debbie Toomey; Rick Boyer, Chairman; Sheri Stockton, Bob Hille



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# Neewollah Grand Parade

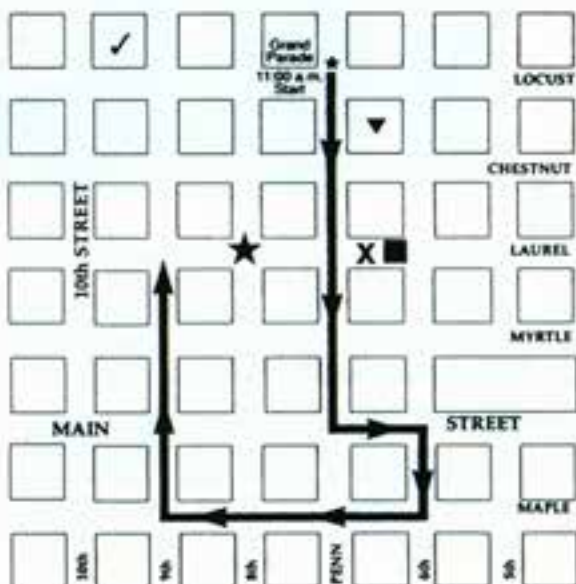


## Grand Parade

Paul Reilly and Sean Clapp/Co-Chairmen, Joe Hernandez, Matt Hoover, Bill Wilkin  
 Not Pictured: Mike Borovetz, DJ Cross, Alan DeFever, Jim Dittmer, Walt Dittmer, Mark Fienen, Lee Horning, Lance Chickadonz, Mike O'Malley, Dan Roth, Paxson St. Clair, John Trusdale, Ethan Warlick

## 2003 Grand Parade Route Saturday, October 25, 11:00 a.m.

The approximately 2 hour long parade starts at the corner of Penn and Chestnut. It proceeds from Memorial Hall, at Penn and Chestnut, south to Main, east to Sixth, south to Maple, west to Ninth, and north to Laurel Street. There are free street acts, a carnival and food concessions both before and after the Neewollah Grand Parade.



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# 2003 Grand Parade Marshal



## Grand Parade Marshal Gerald "Jerry" Webb

Jerry Webb has been a driving force behind Neewollah since its revival in 1948. He put all his energies into making it a festival we can all be proud of. His interest has always been on what is best for Independence as he has worked in virtually every facet of the celebration.

Gerald Webb was born in Independence, Kansas, in 1930. He graduated from

Independence High School and Independence Community College. He attended Kansas University, leaving to serve three years in the Air Force during the Korean War. He then graduated from St. Louis College of Mortuary Services.

In 1958, at Jim Halsey's suggestion, Webb helped revive the Neewollah celebration. He served as Generalissimo in 1960, 1972 and 1980. HBO filmed a special during the 1980 celebration. He served on the Neewollah Board for over thirty years.

He's been active in Kiwanis, the Mercy Hospital Lay Board, Chamber of Commerce, served ten years as president of the Verdigris Valley Association for Retarded Children, now CLASS, LTD., and served as Memorial Hall chairman.

He is a member of the Kansas Funeral Directors Association, serving as president in 1969, and of the National Funeral Directors Association. Governor Docking appointed him in 1974 to the Kansas ABC Board. He was appointed to the Kansas Board of Mortuary Art in 1985 and 1988, serving terms as President of both boards. He is an active member of the First United Methodist Church.

Webb was a partner in Webb & Rodrick Funeral Home with Larry Rodrick & Clarence Webb, semi-retiring in 1997.

Jerry and his wife Gwen are the parents of two sons, Stan and Zach, and three grandchildren. Their son Frank died in 1965. Jerry's hobby is golf.

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## Parade Candids



# Parade Candids



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# Marching Band Competition

***October 25, 2003, 1:30 p.m.  
Shulthis Stadium - Kayo Emmot Field***

Once again this year, Shulthis Stadium will be crowded to overflowing and alive with the sound of marching music. Field competition for the marching festival will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Shulthis Stadium for approximately 30 marching bands from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Don Farthing, the organizer of this year's event, developed this competition 25 years ago, along with I.H.S. Band Boosters, while he was the Independence High School band teacher. Since the event first began, the festival has quadrupled in size. Many of the bands march in the Grand Parade so they will be eligible to participate in the Marching Band Competition.

The Independence High School Band Boosters will operate a concession stand throughout the afternoon. The public is invited to attend the festival, free of admission charge.



## ***Marching Band Competition***

Don Farthing/Chairman, Erin Shelton,  
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**Not Pictured:** Sandy Jewers, Joanne  
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## Kick-Off Party

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**Not Pictured:** Meegan Dodson



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Carolyn Torrance, Marge  
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## Neewollah Musical Productions *(Last 13 years)*

1990	<i>Gypsy</i>	1997	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
1991	<i>Oliver</i>	1998	<i>Peter Pan</i>
1992	<i>Damn Yankees</i>	1999	<i>Cinderella</i>
1993	<i>Guys and Dolls</i>	2000	<i>Hello, Dolly!</i>
1994	<i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	2001	<i>Annie</i>
1995	<i>The Pajama Game</i>	2002	<i>Brigadoon</i>
1996	<i>The King &amp; I</i>		

### Past Generalissimos

1919	Thurman Hill
1920	O.E. McAnulty
1921	O.E. McAnulty
1922	John Baden
1923	John Baden
1924	
1925	
1926	O.E. McAnulty
1927	O.E. McAnulty
1928	O.E. McAnulty
1929	O.E. McAnulty
1930	O.E. McAnulty

*No Neewollah 1931-1934 due to the Great Depression*

1935 Louise Ransdall

*No Neewollah 1936-1947 due to World War II*

1948	Bill Wagner	Dorothy Heckman
1949	Emmett Wilson	JoAnn Jacobs

*No Neewollah 1950-1957 due to lack of financial support*

1958	Jim Halsey	Neola Hamsher
1959	Bob Wohltman	Sylvia McCalla
1960	Jerry Webb	Norma Day
1961	Don Dancer	Phyllis Cinnoto
1962	Bill Woods	Kristin Utz
1963	Duane Doll	Betsy Gibson
1964	Bill Woods	Karen Schaub
1965	Jim Halsey	Gay Barnard
1966	Fred Wilkin	Rosemary Sicks
1967	E.C. Simmons	Pat Yerkes
1968	Wayne Reed	Diane Talley
1969	G. Burks Sherwood	Terri Boorigie
1970	Bob Schneider	Nancy Reid
1971	Bill Cook	Diane David

### Past Generalissimos

1972	Jerry Webb
1973	Richard Shaver
1974	Stan Lewis
1975	Paul Viets
1976	Bill Mason
1977	Kathryn Bruening
1978	Roger Leeseberg
1979	Stewart Crow
1980	Jerry Webb
1981	Don Dancer
1982	Karen Reeder
1983	Lowell Baker
1984	Stewart Crow
1985	Pat Springer
1986	Jack Ashcraft
1987	Tim Emert
1988	Virginia Kelly
1989	Steve DeFever
1990	Paul Oakleaf
1991	Lorne Schlatter
1992	David Torbett
1993	Steve Wilkin
1994	Mike Flood
1995	Larry Pendleton
1996	Ray Rothgeb
1997	Gregg Webster
1998	Beth Chaney
1999	Butch Holum
2000	Vanessa Dennis
2001	Grant Sherwood
2002	Val DeFever

### Past Queens

Ruth Pittman
Laurie Dilorio
Belinda Boys
Janet Washburn
Stephanie Cook
Susan Scovel
Staci Pollock
Lisa Swearingen
Beth Maxwell
Yvette Carvalho
Jill Singleton
Gail Moore
Tammy Pasternak
Jeannine Bailey
Missy Housel
Shelly Nelson
Kaki Borklund
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Julie Lair
Keri Kruse
April Hill
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## Neewollah 2003 Information

"In the Spirit of Fun for Everyone!" has been a pleasurable experience for all of the Neewollah 2003 committees. Since Neewollah is an Independence tradition, preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2004 festival are October 20 thru the 30. To obtain information for Neewollah 2004 send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:



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## October 15, Wednesday

Medallion Hunt Kickoff at 3:30 p.m. at Jump Start, Tenth & Main (Sponsored by Jump Start)

## October 17, Friday

Little Shop of Horrors at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

## October 18, Saturday

Neewollah Fun Run (Sponsored by Taco Bell, Blockbuster & Pizza Hut)

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Riverside Park Oval

One Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

5K TAC Certified Fun Run at 10:00 a.m.

Neewollah Fun Bike Ride

18 mile - 35 mile - 70 mile Rides

Riverside Park 4H Building

Registration 8:00 a.m.

Ride starts at 9:00 a.m.

Historic Tour 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Little Shop of Horrors at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

Neewollah Ball Independence Country Club

8:30 - 1:00 a.m.

## October 19, Sunday

Little Shop of Horrors at Memorial Hall 2:00 p.m.

## October 20, Monday

Queen Neelah Talent Competition

Memorial Hall 6:30 p.m.

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## October 21, Tuesday

Queen Neelah LXII Coronation  
Memorial Hall 7:00 p.m.

## October 22, Wednesday

Food Stands open at noon downtown

Ottaway Carnival Family Night 5:00 p.m.

Great Pumpkin Contest judging at bandstand begins

at 5:00 p.m. (Sponsored by Bank of America)

Great Pumpkin Winners announced at 7:30 p.m.

Bandstand Entertainment 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.

## October 23, Thursday

Ottaway Carnival Family Night 5:00 p.m.

Bandstand Entertainment

ICC Bluesnotes Band 6:00 p.m.

DooDah Parade 6:00 p.m.

Hometown Showcase at bandstand 7:00 p.m.

## October 24, Friday

Kiddie Parade 4:00 p.m.

Ottaway Carnival 5:00 p.m.

Nickelodeon Game Lab 5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Memorial

Hall (Sponsored by Woods Lumber Company)

Bandstand Entertainment 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.

## October 25, Saturday

Pre-Parade Activities & Street Acts

Neewollah Grand Parade 11:00 a.m.

Arts & Crafts Exhibits Commerce Bank Parking Lot

Marching Band Competition 1:30 p.m. Kayo Emmot

Field in Shulthis Stadium

Ottaway Carnival

Bandstand Entertainment 2:00 - 9:30 p.m.

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